

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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WIDENING AND REPAIR OF JESSORE ROAD
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Jessore Road, the main link with Bangladesh, is not wide enough to meet the demands of the growing traffic;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the said road is also in dilapidated condition;
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Government for widening and repair of this road; and
- (e) the time by which the work is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) & (b) The portion of Jessore Road having a length of 68.4 km from Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport to Indo-Bangladesh Border is with Central Government. It comprises a length of 8.80 km of NH-34 from the airport to Barasat and entire length of 59.60 km of NH-35. Width of NH-34 is two lane or more while NH-35 is mostly of intermediate lane width except for end portion of about 3 km which is divided dual intermediate lane carriageway. These width are not adequate to cope up with growing traffic demand.

(c) to (e) These National Highways are being maintained in traffic worthy condition within the available funds. Government has already planned widening of these National Highways to 4/6 lanes under National Highway Development Project (NHDP) Phase-III on Build, Operate & Transfer (BOT) toll basis and preparation of Detailed Project Report is in progress. It is too early to indicate time frame for completion of the above said work.